

Victims Services Quarterly Conversation #12

July 8, 2021



DCJS

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

VS Quarterly Conversations

- Held beginning of each quarter
- Mix of specific topics & discussion
- DCJS & VS announcements
- Q&A

New Victims Services Staff

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Gleibys Gonzalez

Program Coordinator

Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program

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- 2020 - *Code of Virginia* [§ 9.1-191](#)
- Coordinate the development and enhancement of sexual assault forensic examiner programs across Virginia
- Establish a partnership group to plan forensic nurse training
- Assist with developing protocols and guidelines
- Collect and maintain information on all available sexual assault forensic services available in Virginia
- Coordinate education and outreach related to sexual assault forensic nursing, to include recruitment

Code of Virginia: Victim-Related Changes

HB 1867 – Victim Compensation

Summary from the Virginia [Division of Legislative Services](#):

Provides that the requirement that the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission find that police records show the crime was promptly reported no more than 120 hours after it occurred in order to award a claimant funds from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund does not apply to claims of sexual abuse. Under current law, the exception to such requirement applies only to claims of sexual abuse that occurred while the victim was a minor.

Full text available [here](#).

HB 1992 - Firearms

Summary from the Virginia [Division of Legislative Services](#):

Prohibits a person who has been convicted of assault and battery of a family or household member, as defined in the bill, from purchasing, possessing, or transporting a firearm. The prohibition expires three years after the date of conviction, at which point the person's firearms rights are restored, unless he receives another disqualifying conviction. A person who violates the provisions of the bill is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

Full text available [here](#).

HB 2132 – Eliminating “Panic Defense”

Summary from the Virginia [Division of Legislative Services](#):

Provides that another person's actual or perceived sex, gender, gender identity, or sexual orientation is not in and of itself, or together with an oral solicitation, a defense to any charge of capital murder, murder in the first degree, murder in the second degree, voluntary manslaughter, or assault and bodily wounding-related crimes and is not provocation negating or excluding malice as an element of murder.

Full text available [here](#).

HB 2234 – Victim of Sex Trafficking

Summary from the Virginia [Division of Legislative Services](#):

Provides an affirmative defense to prosecution for prostitution and keeping, residing in, or frequenting a bawdy place if, at the time of the offense leading to such charge, such person was a victim of sex trafficking, as defined in the bill, and (i) was coerced to engage in the offense through the use of force or intimidation or (ii) such offense was committed at the direction of another person other than the individual with whom the person engaged in the acts of prostitution or unlawful sexual intercourse for such money or its equivalent.

Full text available [here](#).

HB 2263 & SB 1165 – Abolishing the Death Penalty

Summary from the Virginia [Division of Legislative Services](#):

Abolishes the death penalty, including for those persons currently under a death sentence. The bill provides that no person may be sentenced to death or put to death on or after its effective date for any violation of law.

Full text available [here](#).

Victims Services Grant Program Announcements

DCJS Victims Services Grant Programs

as of July 1, 2021

1. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)
2. Victim/Witness Grant Program (VWGP)
3. Victims Services Grant Program (VSGP)
4. VSTOP
5. Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Victim Fund (VSDVVF)
6. Improving Criminal Justice Responses (ICJR)

Quarterly Reporting

Due Date:
July 15, 2021

Quarterly Reports & PMT Data Entry

SASP – Calendar Year 2021

- CY 2021 SASP grants are halfway through the grant period.
- Programs should be submitting Details of Expenditures with requests for funds each quarter, in OGMS.
- The Annual Status Report is due January 15, 2022.
- Two new Special Conditions: See email from Andi Martin sent May 21, 2021. Grant Monitors will be checking for items related to these special conditions during future monitoring visits.

SASP – Calendar Year 2022

- Calendar Year 2022 grants will be awarded to current SASP recipients at current funding amounts (“level funding”).
- There will not be a new competitive grant process for CY22 awards.
- Current recipients will need to complete tasks in OGMS prior to January 1, 2022; details will be provided this fall.

Victim/Witness Grant Program

- Awaiting OGMS enhancements to generate award packages for Fiscal Year 2022.
- New grant numbers for CIMS data entry.

VSGP

- FY 2021 VSGP grants closed on June 30, 2021.
- Final FY21 program and financial reports will be submitted in GMIS (then, goodbye GMIS!).
- FY 2022-2023 VSGP grants started July 1, 2021.
- Award Letters and General Special Conditions were sent to awarded programs on June 30, 2021 in emails from Anya and Andi.
- Grantees must add their VSGP grant into OGMS by August 31, 2021, including documents needed pursuant to Actionable Special Conditions.

VSGP (continued)

- VSGP budgets must be entered into OGMS and must be approved before programs can spend their VSGP award (exception for staff salary/benefits on the VSGP grant)
- Signed SOGAs are due 60 days from the date on the Award Letter, which is August 23, 2021
- First Quarter Status Reports, Requests for Funds, and Details of expenditures are due in OGMS by October 15. Directions and details to come.
- PMT reporting for the 1st Quarter is due by October 15, 2021 in the OVC, PMT system. Training was offered on July 7, 2021.

VSGP (continued)

VSGP orientation trainings are recorded.

Links to the recorded trainings:

<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/victims-services/grants/voca>

VSTOP

- VSTOP Biannual Report *WITH* Narrative due via OGMS by July 15, 2021.
- Halfway through final year of 3-year cycle.
- Grant application guidelines to be released July 2021 with a due date in August 2021 via OGMS. Training will be provided.

VSDVWF

- Fiscal Year 2021 Quarterly Progress Reports due in GMIS July 15, 2021 (please use the appropriate form based on your program type).
- Awaiting OGMS enhancements to generate award packages for Fiscal Year 2022.
- FY 2022 Encumbrances (Special Conditions) will be available in OGMS once grant status changes.
- FY 2022 Discretionary Grantees: Byrne/JAG Reporting Training in September 2021.

DCJS & Victims Services Announcements

VAWA & VOCA

Update: Still Awaiting Congressional Action

- Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – *Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2021*
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) – *VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act*

National Resources

Association of VAWA Administrators (**AVA**)

<https://www.avadministrators.org/>

National Association of VOCA Assistance Administrators (**NAVAA**)

<https://navaa.org/>

National Criminal Justice Association (**NCJA**)

<https://www.ncja.org/>

State Crisis Response

- Changes to Virginia Victim Assistance Network's role.
- Basic CRT training: August 30-September 1 in Abingdon, VA. Applications are being accepted now through July 20th. Open for those that have received the training more than 5 years ago. Limited lodging scholarships are available.
- Advanced CRT training: October 25-27 in Hampton, VA. Applications being accepted now through September 1st. Open to anyone that has completed the Basic CRT training. Limited lodging scholarships available.
- Another Basic CRT is tentative for late November/early December.
- A trauma training for CRT members is being planned for early 2022.
- For more information, please contact Julia Fuller-Wilson at julia.fuller-wilson@dcjs.virginia.gov

OGMS

(On-line Grant Management System)

- DCJS Correspondence
- OGMS Alerts
- Registration
- Status Reports
- Claims

Victims Services Technology Project ("CIMS Replacement Project")

Proposals have been reviewed &
demonstrations will begin soon

Victims Services Trainings

Trauma-Responsive Investigations and Sexual Assault Victim Interviews (TRI-SAVI)

Chesterfield, VA, August 16-19, 2021

Applications are closed but space may be available; email
Jennifer.kline@dcjs.virginia.gov

Fairfax, VA, October 18-21, 2021

Application period will open August 2nd

Victims Services Trainings

- Many Upcoming Virtual Opportunities
- List of all DCJS trainings:
<https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/training-events>
- Contact Tricia Everetts, tricia.everetts@dcjs.virginia.gov

Questions?

